



June 21, 2024

Dear Families and Students,

We made it to the final week. Today was the last day of regular classes. Next week, we are having 3 days for course completion that some students have been invited in to complete outstanding assignments and assessment from Term 3 – please see more below. The yearbook distribution and student signings went well today. This week there was the Athletics Award event where athletes and teams were honoured. On Wednesday night we had the Grade 6-7 District band concert night. It was well attended and we got to hear some great music by the elementary students.

On Thursday, the District sent out some information about the restrictions for cell phones and other portable devices that will come into effect on September 1 next year. I have included some important information and resources below. There will be more details coming in the August start-up newsletter that you will get prior to our opening on September 3, 2024.

Take care and enjoy the weekend.

Commencement Live Stream

<https://sportswavetv.yaretv.com/watch/2041-sportswavetv-seaquam-graduation>.

Year books

Yearbooks were given out today Friday, June 21 in Block A classes. If you students did not pick theirs up they are available at the front office starting on Monday, June 24. We are completely sold out and have none for sale. **If you have outstanding fees, they need to be paid off before you can get your book.** Check the “Fees” tab in Parent connect to see if you owe any money and/or have paid for a Yearbook.

Locker Clean Out

Ideally students will be out of their lockers at the end of day on June 21. Exceptions will be made for those students who are attending Course Completion Days.

Course Completion Days

These are a few extra days after regular classes end for students to work with teachers to finish off and complete learning requirements from Term 3 only. The dates are June 24, 25 and 26. Teachers will have office hours and students will sign up for times with them to come in and complete their learning. Teachers will have a “Flex” type sign-up for students on Student Connect.

Restricting cellphone usage in schools

In January 2024, the provincial government announced plans to restrict the use of cellphones in schools. Research shows that frequent cellphone interruption in the classroom, social media platforms with addictive algorithms and predators who seek to exploit young people all present

significant risks to young people. The district emailed all families on June 20 regarding this new restriction, which comes into effect on July 1, 2024. Please click here to read the letter: <https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/06/DS-Letter-home-Personal-Digital-Devices-June-20-2024.pdf>

- Infographic/FAQs for Secondary Schools: <https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/06/PDDs-in-Secondary-Schools-Final.pdf>
- PDD References and Resources: <https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/06/PDD-Research-and-Resources.pdf>
- Procedure 145: Use of Personal Digital Device: <https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/07/Procedure-145-Use-of-Personal-Digital-Devices.pdf>
- Procedure 350: Code of Conduct: <https://district.public.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2017/07/Procedure-350-Student-Conduct-and-Discipline-with-appendices.pdf>

Calendar events

June

- 21 National Indigenous Day
- 24-26 Course Completion days
- 27 Final Learning Summary (Final Report Card)
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Sincerely,

Mark Robinson, Principal Ian Close, Vice Principal Maggie Callander, Vice Principal